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Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

The following is written in response to the Official Action dated October 27, 2009. Please, kindly reconsider the application in light of the arguments presented herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 16 of this paper.

No extensions are believed necessary for this filing. However, applicant hereby petitions for any necessary extensions or other relief associated with this filing and authorizes the commissioner to charge applicant's representative's charge account 50-0548 for any deficiencies.